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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Gunji et al.

Application No.: 10/716,480

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-
AMINO ACID USING
METHYLOTROPH

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Kerr

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2005, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please consider the following amendments and remarks regarding the above-captioned patent application. The following remarks and accompanying data are submitted to supplement the remarks submitted on February 15, 2005. Therefore, consideration of new issues by the Examiner is not necessary, and consideration of the attached is hereby respectfully requested.

A Petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), is filed concurrently herewith.